

Gossip on the Base Range—Political—Business—Mines—Etc Etc

EUREKA, Nev., Feb. 4, 1878

Editor Journal—I see by a late number of your paper that slate making is the order of the day in the western part of the State, among the politicians. Now, in order to show your people that the Eureka manipulators are not behind hand, I send you the following as the work of the political bosses in this section.

DEMOCRATIC SIDE

The Democracy, or at least the majority of them, under the lead of the indomitable and fearless Cassidy, favor J. G. Fair for U. S. Senator, and J. C. Hagerman for Governor. A few of the chivvied Democrats, aided by a few Missouri persimmons, favor the re-election of "Old Broadborders," but as their party have no confidence in them, their efforts will avail nothing. Freddy Napoleon Cole is the coming man for Supreme Judge.

REPUBLICANS

This party here will favor the re-election of Tom Wren for Congress, J. P. Jones for Senator, W. W. Hobart for Governor, and T. P. Hawley for Supreme Judge. The Republicans here are working very hard to have the Republican State Convention held at this place, and we hope the Republican State Central Committee will hear our prayer and so order it. The Democrats will probably hold their convention here also, as they have no whiskers to a snowball or quills to a porcupine, which are not locked up at night.

LAW & ETC

Times are somewhat dull here at present, but everything tends to a winter lysis. In the Spring, however, the mining business is looking up and our people take lively interest in houses, churches, newspapers and politics. Our Grand Jury meets next week, therefore I shall be compelled to leave town. On my return will write you more fully about the mines, business, etc.

BASE RANGE

NEWS OF THE MORNING

Russia does not like England's action of sending a fleet to Constantinople.

The Russians have captured 120,000 men including twenty Pashas, and 1,100 cannon during the war.

The defalcation of Augustus M. Tracy, paying teller of the Bank of North America, instead of being less than \$100,000, as at first supposed, was ascertained Friday to reach \$233,000.

J. W. Lupton known as the "great cattle king of the Western plains" died at Denver Friday. He was the most extensive cattle dealer of the Far West his pasturing region embracing immense tracts in Wyoming Territory and Colorado. He was a man of great wealth, energy and public spirit.

The Supreme Court of Illinois decided matters of news not libelous.

There are rumors of a plot to identify Hayes with the Democracy.

The Kearney movement is in the death throes.

WASHOE VS. HUMBOLDT

The Grand Jury of Washoe county then report heretofore referred to in the *State Journal*, find that Humboldt has good cause refusing to allow the exorbitant claims presented by Washoe in the Rover case.

We believe that many of the paper ought to have been served by the officers of Humboldt instead of Washoe thus preventing a heavy expense.

They also refer to the amount allowed H. B. Maxson for surveying at the scene of the Sharp murder, as being extravagant and cite the fact that \$250 was allowed counsel for defending Rover. They present strong arguments against Washoe in the case now pending between that county and this, which can't be weighed by the Court in determining whether Washoe had a right to allow what it pleased to law years old and witness and compelled Humboldt to foot the bill. If there is my doubt of the justice of Humboldt's refusal to pay those exorbitant charges, the report of the Grand Jury of Washoe has dispelled them.

The above appears in the *State Journal*, and is a fitting answer to a Grand Jury which would prejudice its county's case, while pending in Court.

Poor, crazy Carlotta, the widow of Maximilian, is said to be dying. In her case death will come like an angel of mercy, and be welcomed with outstretched arms.

Twenty days more and winter will be at an end. So says our devil.

Be sure and attend church to day. It will do you no harm.

Political Gossip—Uncle Jimmy Fair for U. S. Senator

VIRGINIA CITY, Feb'y 8, 1878

Editor Journal—Since my last letter some very mysterious moves have been made by the managers of both parties on the political chess board. The most important one is the movement to bring out J. G. Fair for the U. S. Senate. The most prominent men in both parties are at the head of this move, and I have every reason to believe that they have succeeded, and that J. G. Fair will be the Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator.

UNCLE JIMMY

Some maintain that Mr. Fair is a Democrat, while others say that he is a Republican. The truth of the matter is, he has been so busy with his mining enterprises that he has devoted but little time to politics but it is well known that his sympathies are Democratic. As you are aware, Mr. Editor, party lines are not very well defined at present. The people are heartily sick of party, and at the coming election they will vote for me, irrespective of their political record. I have conversed with men of both parties during the past month, and they all unite in saying that J. G. Fair is the best man to succeed J. P. Jones in the U. S. Senate, for the following reasons:

1st, he has been a continuous resident of the State for the past eighteen years, and has added greatly to its prosperity and wealth. Second, the town of which he is a member are the heaviest taxpayers in the State. Third, he is interested in one of Nevada's greatest industries—the silver mines. The bitter experience of the past five years shows that we must send men to Congress who will lend a helping hand to protect this great industry. Mr. Fair has for a long time worked energetically and spent his money for this great object. Fourth, his great wealth would be a bait to temptation which has beset so many of our public men during the past twenty five years. Fifth, he is honest and capable, a man of sterling qualities, and unimpeachable character, true to his friends, and to day stands before the public a whole souled, honorable gentleman. It will, no doubt, be charged by his enemies in case he runs for the Senate, that it will be a moneyed fight, but I am satisfied that Mr. Fair will not put up a cent beyond the legitimate expenses of the campaign. It is currently reported here by his friends, that Senator Jones will not be a candidate for re-election on account of his business affairs demanding his immediate attention. Mr. Jones has served the people of Nevada well, and by his close attention to public interests, his private affairs have suffered to a great extent, and he needs his valuable time to straighten up his business. Regarding the gubernatorial fight, things are about the same as when I wrote you last. Bitman having the inside track on the Republican side of the house, and Higeman being the favorite with the Democrats.

WHO WOULD NOT BE AN AUTHOR?

I see by a late issue of the *Enterprise* that the editor of that paper is considerably worried about the letters you are receiving from this place and thinks your correspondent would make a good author, and could write a splendid book, all the same as Fred Hart.

We have tried our hand on poetical corruption and found that as an author we are not a success, and we would refer the editor of the *Enterprise* to the following fable:

KIND HEARTED SHE ELEPHANT

A kind hearted she elephant, while walking through the jungle where the spicy breezes blew soft o'er Ceylon's Isle, heedlessly set foot upon a cartridge, which she crushed to death within a few inches of the nest containing its callow brood. "Poor little things!" said the generous mammoth, "I have been a mother myself, and my affection shall atone for the fatal consequences of my neglect." So saying she sat down upon the orphan birds.

Madam—the above teaches us that home is without a mother, also that it is not every person who should be instructed with the care of an orphan asylum.

COWSTOCK

The war upon timber thieves by Secretary Schurz shows practical results. Thus far 190 civil and 38 criminal suits have been begun, and \$873,723 worth of property seized.

In Minnesota the government has won all of the 78 civil and 25 criminal suits, realizing \$13,000 in fines and \$8,775 in judgments. Seventy suits have been begun in Mississippi, and 4384 of lumber seized in Florida.

12 suits and \$11,800 recovered. The prosecutions in Louisiana have just begun, and promise large results.

Increased activity in Mining Circles—The Feeling Regarding the Rover Case—Political Sentiment—Prospective Prognostications, etc.

WINNEMUCCA, Nev., Feb 6, 1878

Editor Journal—The Republicans of Humboldt county having no organ through which they can communicate to the outer world, I take the liberty of addressing a few lines to our next door neighbor—the *JOURNAL*, hoping by that means to let our friends throughout the State get an inkling from a Republican stand point what is being done in old Humboldt.

NON POLITICAL—MINES

Notwithstanding the disagreeable winter weather, considerable prospecting has been going on of late throughout the county, and quite a number of promising strikes and discoveries have been made. Considerable excitement continues to prevail over the finds at the head of Paradise Valley. Several ledges have been found, ranging from two to six feet wide in mineral which assays up into the hundreds in silver and gold. The consequence is that the hills around the valley are filled with sturdy prospectors. The snow, however, is yet a hindrance to them. In Winnemucca Mountain, near this place, the Fairmount mine is now the only one being worked, though there are several others upon which work will be commenced as soon as the chill of winter is a little more subside.

John Robins has a fine prospect which bids fair to open out into a very valuable mine. The Rye Patch mines are showing well. The mill at that place is kept in constant operation from their product. At Goldsonda, on Gold Run District, very favorable reports are heard, several new strikes having recently been made. In Central District work is progressing, and its prospects never looked brighter. At Oreana, the outlook is brilliant. Ex. Attorney General Buckner, at the depth of about 125 feet has struck it in the Montezuma, a very large and rich deposit, which makes the General feel forty years younger in anticipation of once more being a millionaire. Other mines in that vicinity are looking very encouraging. Around Unionville the mines are recovering.

A number of old mines have been re-located and are being worked with much encouragement. All over the county the mining fever is taking a new start, and when Spring fully opens we expect to see lively times indeed. I hope so. The Lord knows we need it.

OUR TOWN

Is very quiet. The new Depot Hotel, which opened out a few months ago with such brilliant prospects, was suddenly collapsed, and the creditors are now scrambling for the remains.

ROVER

Considerable feeling is being manifested here in regard to the probable fate of that brutal murderer J. W. Rover. If his sentence is to be commuted, all of our good citizens

feel that the money expended in prosecuting him will be money spent in vain, for commutation means pardon in a short time—a few years at most. The murder of I. N. Sharp was a most foul and horrible one, and no punishment of the perpetrator can be too severe. Rover either murdered him or else he did not. If he is guilty he ought to receive the extreme penalty of the law. If he is innocent he should be acquitted entirely—let go scott free. If there is even a reasonable doubt as to his guilt, the law gives him the benefit of that doubt, and he should never have been convicted.

Every man in this country believes him to be guilty, so much so that after two trials and convictions here a third jury of twelve persons could not be found in the whole length and breadth of this large county who had not made up their minds as to his guilt. He has also been convicted in a county where this universal prejudice against him did not exist.

Certainly the evidence must be strong against him or this could not be.

Three juries and at least half of mother who hear all

the evidence in his favor as well as against him had no hesitancy in pronouncing him guilty.

As they are more able to judge of the matter than those who heard nothing of the evidence and know nothing of the merits of his case.

It is reported that petitions are being circulated in distant counties by his attorneys, asking a commutation of his sentence.

What do people in Lincoln county,

the White Pine, Lander, Eureka,

etc., know of the matter?

No such petition has been circulated in Humboldt, and probably will not be, although I have not the least doubt

The Southern Country and Stimulus to Trade in Carson—Project Schemes—Mint Drops—Diamond Cut Diamond—Grand Party—etc.

CARSON, Feb 4, 1878

Editor Journal—We think we perceive the silver lining, and that an era of unexampled prosperity is about to record itself in our history. The dreariness that has prevailed in business circles for so many months is passing away and being superseded by an air of activity such as we were wont to have in the

LITTLE TIMES

Of days gone by. More than to any other one cause this can be attributed to the opening up of the country to the southward, where the recent developments around Aurora and Bodie have caused capital to come forth from its hidden retreat, and dispense its blessings so that the world may be richer and richer. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be expended in that section this year, and when Spring opens there will be an immense rush to the new El Dorado, and old Esmeralda will again witness the lively scenes of her youth. Carson will, of course, reap a rich harvest from the excitement sure to prevail, for all of the trade of that section will be tributary to us, and numberless teams will be constantly employed in taking up and bringing back the articles of merchandise necessary to supply the wants of so lively a community. There are hopes that the V. & R. R. will build a branch down there to more readily accommodate the wants of trade a branch which must ultimately be extended.

TO THE COLORADO

Let tip the Southern or Texas Pacific route. We are to have immediate telegraphic communication with the new camps. Messrs. Pratt, Barnes and others, of Genoa, have already purchased the wire poles, etc., and the work of construction is to commence to-morrow, and the line completed inside of the next sixty days. Let us

you once really see upon what good grounds are based the belief that Carson has seen her darkest days, and from this time on will be the center of trade and commerce in Western Nevada, and deserve of her proud position as Capital of the State.

THE MINT

The U. S. Mint, under the able management of James C. Crawford, is doing good work. It has come to my knowledge that with the passage of the Silver bill an increased force will be necessary and better work than ever will be the result. The high standing this Mint has attained for economy of work, efficiency of management, completeness in details, is the best evidence that the Government should grant it a larger appropriation than was allowed last year.

NOTES

Our worthy State Mineralogist, Henry R. Whitehill, is a man well fitted to the B. M., having passed an exceedingly creditable examination before the Supreme Court. He will enter upon his new profession at the expiration of his present term of office, and a brilliant and successful career is predicted for him by his friends. The State will lose a good officer and the B. M. will gain an honored addition.

It is given out that the reason that induced Controller Hobart to rush into print for an extra session was because "smelt a mint" in the gubernatorial quarter of the State House. Rumor has it that Bradley and Garrison (Private Secretary, nominally, but Governor really) were preparing to make a political play of that kind, and when Hobart let the cat out of the bag, they turned around on him, and squelched the thing.

Local rumor has it that the bankers firm are negotiating for the V. & R. R. and the wool and timber of Youngton Mills & Co. is entirely false. There is not the slightest possibility of such a transfer. I speak by authority.

The "Au Fait" our high-toned dancing Club, give their next party on the evening of the 15th inst. An invitation has been extended to the "Riverside" of your place, and "Entre Nous" of Virginia City, one of the most brilliant gatherings ever seen here is expected. The "Au Fait" will extend every possible courtesy, and I should like to see you here.

C. G. T.

The Russian Mennonites in Manitoba are not proving to be such good citizens as was anticipated. Their religion apparently recognizes no difference between *meum* and *tuum*, as regards the property of others. They don't steal among themselves, for that would be pilfering from the Lord, but the possessions of outsiders they appropriate without scruple, and when an appeal to the law is made by the injured parties, they band the natives together and resist successfully the constables sent to arrest members of the Holy brotherhood.

It is becoming more and more apparent every day that religious societies should not be allowed to hold

in this country as communities, isolated from the rest of mankind. They invariably set the civil and criminal laws of the land at defiance.

It was so with the Mormons and Gentiles, made their appearance in Utah, it is so with these Russian Mennonites.

It will be so with every community of the kind which is allowed to flourish independently in our midst.

The Prescott *Enterprise* of the 30th ult. mo says: "Although there are eight inches of snow in the Little Colorado District, still cattle, sheep and stock of all kinds are fat."

The snow is disappearing from the mountain peaks in the vicinity of Prescott.

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A number of Josephine Mormons are emigrating from the Salt River Valley, Maricopa county.

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The lumber trade a Prescott is now brisk.

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HOTELS.

LEGAL.

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DEPOT HOTEL

AT THE DEPOT, RENO, NEVADA,

WILLIAM R. CHAMBERLAIN,
PROPRIETORTHIS house is situated beside the Railroad
track and it is but a step from the building to the cars of the C. P. R. I. on one side and
those of the N. & P. R. R. on the otherALL THE ATTRACTIONS OF A FIRST CLASS
HOTEL ARE SUPPLIEDALL THE
PASSENGER TRAINS STOP
In front of the Hotel.

The Office of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express is in this Building.

Connected with this Hotel is a first class

LUNCH ROOM
—AND—
OYSTER SALOONWhere passengers from the cars and all others
desiring a refreshment can get Oysters in
Every Style, Clams, Crabs, Pig's Feet, Cold Meats, Hot Coffee and Tea, and other delicaciesWM R. CHAMBERLAIN
Proprietor

LAKE HOUSE,

RENO, NEVADA,

ED. VESEY, Prop'r.

This Hotel is First class in every respect. Has
a pleasant calm and fine grounds, upon the
bank of the Truckee River.

THE HOUSE HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY

REFITTED

And adapted to the comfort of the guests. It
offers superior inducements for

A FAMILY RESORT.

FINE BAR,

—AND—

PRIVATE BILLIARD ROOM

ATTACHED.

Proper notification being given by telegram or otherwise the Lake House carriage will
always be in readiness to convey the guests to
and from the hotel

jan 1st ED. VESEY, Prop'r

POLLARD HOUSE,

(Rear of the Passenger Depot Reno.)

MISS MARY WALL Proprietress

RESPECTFULLY INFORMS HER OLD
friends and the public that she taken pos-
session of this popular hotel which has been
thoroughly refitted and is now ready to receive
guests

THE TABLE

Will at all times be supplied with the choicest
viands the market affords

THE ROOMS

Throughout are furnished in a style to please
the most fastidious

THE BAR

Is always supplied with the best brands of choice
Wines Liquors and Cigars

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